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SUBJECT: SECRETARY BUTZ'S VISIT TO BULGARIA: POSSIBLE MEETING
WITH TODOR ZHIVKOV

REF: (A) STATE 79636; (B) STATE 74368

1. DURING MEETING APRIL 7 AT FOREIGN MINISTRY TO
DISCUSS SECRETARY BUTZ'S VISIT TO BULGARIA, FOLLOWING
POINTS EMERGED:

A. ZHIVKOV MEETING. CHIEF OF STATE TODOR
ZHIVKOV HAS BEEN INFORMED OF AND WELCOMES SECRETARY
BUTZ'S VISIT TO BULGARIA. HE HOPES TO MEET WITH
SECRETARY BUTZ PROVIDED SCHEDULING CAN BE WORKED OUT.

B. HOST. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
INDUSTRY GANCHO KRUSTEV WILL BE OFFICIAL HOST FOR
VISIT. HE WILL BE AT THE AIRPORT TO WELCOME THE
SECRETARY.

C. PROGRAM. BULGARIANS HAVE NOT YET PUT TOGETHER
A FINAL SUGGESTED PROGRAM TO BE SUBMITTED TO SECRETARY
BUTZ BUT HOPE TO DO SO BY FRIDAY, APRIL 9. IN
GENERAL THEY FORESEE DISCUSSIONS WITH KRUSTEV AND
MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE NEDEV TAKING PLACE MONDAY
AFTERNOON APRIL 26 PROBABLY FOLLOWED BY COURTESY
CALL ON FONMIN MLADENOV; OFFICIAL DINNER HOSTED BY
KRUSTEV THAT EVENING; VISIT TO AGRO-INDUSTRIAL
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COMPLEX TUESDAY MORNING APRIL 27.

D. COMMUNIQUE. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OFFICIALS EXPRESSED VIEW "SOMETHING SHOULD BE SIGNED"
WHILE SECRETARY IS IN BULGARIA. WE COUNTERED WITH
SUGGESTION THIS BE JOINT COMMUNIQUE OR PRESS STATE-
MENT MODELLED ON THAT RELEASED FOLLOWING DENT VISIT
(SEE 74 SOFIA 570). THIS APPEARED ACCEPTABLE.

E. HOTEL, TRANSPORTATION, ETC. BULGARIAN SIDE
WILL MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR ENTIRE PARTY, USING
EITHER SOFIA GRAND OR PARK MOSKVA. BULGARIANS WILL
ALSO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION, LAY ON SIGHT-SEEING FOR
THOSE MEMBERS OF PARTY NOT INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS.

2. WE NEED ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ASAP:

A. PARTICIPANTS IN DISCUSSIONS. BULGARIANS
NEED TO KNOW WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN OFFICIAL
DISCUSSIONS ALONG WITH SECRETARY BUTZ AS WELL AS
TITLES FOR ALL MEMBERS OF PARTY. DOES SECRETARY
ENVISAGE SIDE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN EXPERTS FROM HIS
PARTY AND BULGARIAN EXPERTS?

B. COMMUNIQUE. IS STATEMENT ON MODEL OF DENT
COMMUNIQUE ACCEPTABLE?

C. ENTERTAINMENT. WE HAVE TOLD BULGARIANS
THAT SCHEDULING PERMITTING, SECRETARY WOULD LIKE TO
HOST LUNCHEON FOR GOB OFFICIALS APRIL 27. ASSUME
THIS IS ACCEPTABLE TO SECRETARY BUTZ, BUT IF NOT WE
CAN WALK THIS PARTICULAR CAT BACK. FOR APPROXIMATE
COST, SEE SOFIA 671, PARA ONE.

D. ACCOMMODATIONS. GIVEN SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS
SPECIFIED BY FAS (ATHENS 2899) WE CONCLUDE IT WOULD
PROBABLY BE BEST FOR SECRETARY AND MRS. BUTZ TO STAY
IN HOTEL ALONG WITH REST OF PARTY. PLEASE CONFIRM.
GOB HAS NOT OFFERED USE OF GOVERNMENT GUESTHOUSE,
THOUGH IT MAY DO SO SUBSEQUENTLY.

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E. PROGRAM. WE ASSUME GENERAL OUTLINE OF PROGRAM
(PARA 1C, ABOVE) IS ACCEPTABLE. PLEASE ADVISE. NATURALLY
CALL ON ZHIVKOV WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE ON OTHER
ARRANGEMENTS.

3. WE WILL PROVIDE ORAL BRIEFING AND WRITTEN TALKING
POINTS BEFORE THE CALLS BEGIN. ASSUMING WE CAN FIT
IT INTO SCHEDULE, WOULD LIKE TO INVITE SECRETARY AND

MRS. BUTZ AND THEIR PARTY FOR COCKTAILS MONDAY EVENING
(BEFORE MINISTER KRUSTEV'S DINNER) TO MEET AMERICAN
STAFF.
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